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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the document is enclosed. Applicant submits that the English Abstract on the first page of the cited document sufficiently summarizes the disclosed subject matter.

The document was recently cited in a Japanese Office Action, which is dated July 30, 2004, issued on priority application JP 2000-057654. A copy of that communication is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

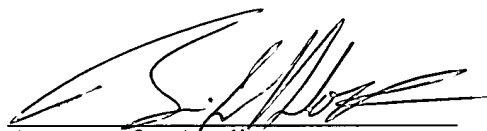
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It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner, that the next official communication indicate that such information has been considered, and that the Examiner initial the enclosed Form PTO-1449 indicating that the information listed thereon has been considered and return a copy of the initialed form.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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